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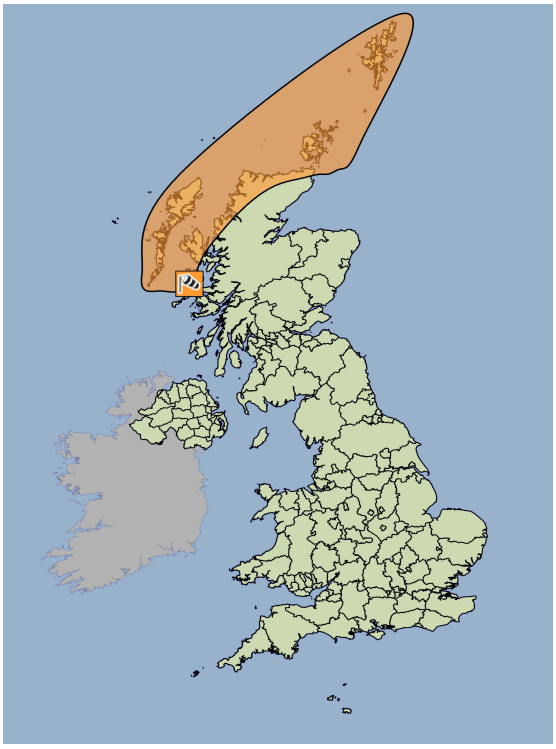

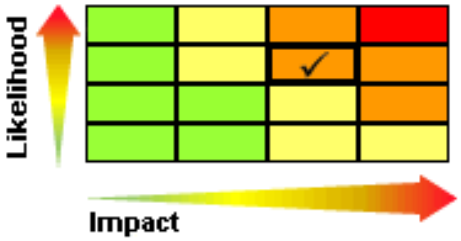

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A vigorous depression is expected to pass just to the northwest of Scotland on Thursday night and Friday morning bringing a swathe of very strong winds on its eastern and southern flanks. In addition, conditions will become very unstable leading to heavy, squally showers with lightning at times. There still remains a little uncertainty regarding the exact extent and timing of strongest winds and the extent of impacts and this warning will be kept under review.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Thu, 12th Nov 2015** until **12:00 on Fri, 13th Nov 2015**

Southwesterly severe gales will develop later on Thursday, increasing storm force for a time as they veer westerly overnight into Friday morning. Gusts of 70 to 80 mph are likely, and perhaps 90 mph across exposed locations. Winds will begin to decrease across the Western Isles and the mainland on Friday morning. The strongest winds over the Northern Isles will occur on Friday morning before becoming less strong on Friday afternoon.

Lightning associated with frequent showers will be an additional hazard, whilst large waves may lead to over-topping along some coasts and causeways.

The public should be prepared for disruption to transport and power supplies.

This warning has been updated to include Shetland and to bring forward the start time.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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